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Duemeland Properties LLLP named SBA's North Dakota Family-Owned Small Business of the Year

FARGO – George T. “Skip” Duemeland, President and CEO of Duemeland Properties LLLP in Bismarck, has received the *2006 North Dakota Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year* award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The *Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year* award recognizes a family owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to another. The Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce nominated Duemeland for the award. Duemeland was selected after a statewide competition.

“SBA is proud to recognize outstanding small business owners for their personal achievements and contributions to our nation’s economy. Family-owned small business provide a continuity and long-term benefits that are important to their customers, their employees, and their community. I congratulate the Duemeland’s on their business success and contributions to their community,” said SBA District Director Jim Stai.

Beginning with George A. Duemeland in 1905, the Duemeland family has been in the commercial real estate business for over 100 years. The company has been passed on through the generations from George A. to his son, Lorin in the 1930s, and to Lorin’s son, George T. “Skip” Duemeland in the 1970s. While the entire Duemeland family is involved in the business, Duemeland Properties officially gained a generation when Skip’s daughter and son-in-law, Jill Duemeland and Aaron Stenberg, joined the firm as Senior Associates in December of 2004. In

addition to growing his own family business, Skip has been a mentor to several other individuals wanting to start their own family business.

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In recognition of the small business community's contribution to the American economy and society, the President of the United States designates one week each year as National Small Business Week. This year it is April 9-15, 2006. Leading up to that week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, a federal agency dedicated to assisting small business owners start and expand their businesses, presents awards honoring the nation's entrepreneurs and small business champions.

For more information on all of the SBA's programs for small businesses, visit the SBA's North Dakota website at www.sba.gov/nd/.

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